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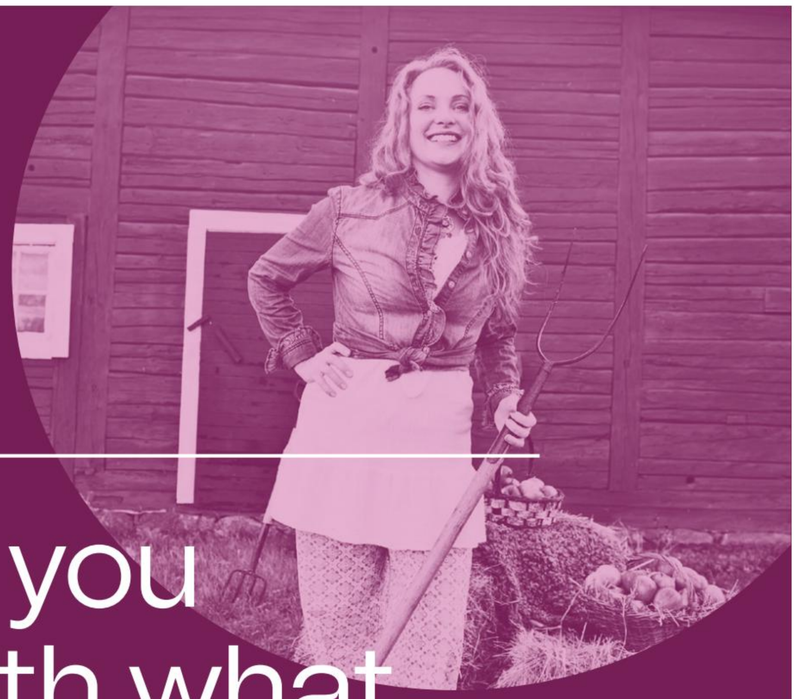

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Suzanne Bierwirth (center) cuts the ribbon with chamber members and supporters on the Annex Studio

Artwork is displayed in the new Annex Studio

Nikki Gauthier, artistic and creative director at The Acorn, provides the entertainment

Goods and Heros debuts 'Annex Studio'

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

It was nearly eight years ago when Suzanna Bierwirth and Brad Simpson opened Goods and Heroes, a store showcasing independent brands, artists and makers, in a small building on 24 North Elm St. in Three Oaks.

Now, after moving it briefly to a location down the street at 8 Maple Street, they're gearing up to move it to a complex at 104 N. Elm Street, which has a footprint of over 11,000 square feet.

Bierwirth and Simpson rolled the garage doors open on the Annex Studio, which is the rear part of the complex on Maple Street, at a ribbon-cutting that was administered by the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce Thursday, Oct. 26.

Bierwirth said that they bought the 8 Maple Street location for an event center in 2019; however, Covid required a larger space for social gatherings. So, they moved Goods and Heroes there.

"Then I realized, no way could we move Goods and Heroes back into the little store - so we started looking for a bigger building," Bierwirth said.

They found their answer at the rear part of the complex. At one time, the complex was the Lintner Chevy Car Dealership.

"We walked into this and we fell in love because Brian and I are both designers here, we're very industrial people, we love cars and we walked into here - and it's like history," Bierwirth said.

Representatives from the building's storied past were present at the ribbon-cutting: Karrie Lintner, owner of Nelson's Saloon, whose grandfather, Harland, built the car dealership and Dave and Gloria Thomas, who sold the space that's now the studio to Bierwirth.

Lintner, who said the Annex Studio space started going up in 1942, said the Chevrolet dealer was in business until 1988. The annex area was the auto body shop and paint booth.

At one time, the space was Great Lakes Builders. Dave and Gloria Thomas had it for 20 years, with Dave doing his custom work for Great Lakes Builders in the space.

"It's beautiful - I can't believe it's the same building," Gloria said.

Plans are to use the Annex Studio for trunk shows, garage sales, fundraisers, gatherings, openings and a design studio, as Bierwirth is a trained photographic designer and does free work for nonprofits. Everything in the Goods and Heroes' current location will be moved into the Annex beginning Jan. 1.

Future plans will be to break ground on the 6,000 square foot Elm Street side of the complex, which will be the official location for Goods and Heroes, next summer. The 8 Maple Street location will become a restaurant and bar, while the 24 N. Elm Street location will become a florist shop.

"It's a lot of moving pieces," Bierwirth said.

Bierwirth said Goods and Heroes is a lifestyle store that sells men's, women's and, in the future, children's clothing and gifts and goods for the home, with an emphasis on designer objects.

Bierwirth, who's German, said everything is very European influenced, with many designers being from Europe.

Seeing as how Bierwirth said they sell items that have a story behind them, it would make sense that she and Simpson would choose a building for the Annex that's steeped in history.

"It's always small independent brands - I have a brand right now that's a men's wear designer out of Ohio or I have beautiful knitwear out of Serbia... We always look for something that has a story and not just a consumer product," she said.

Plans are to also do a garden in the area outside of the Annex as well as the back entrance of the store's future location.

"We're very much into communities...It's good to have a meeting space and design studio," Bierwirth said.

For more information about Goods & Heroes, visit www.goodsandheroes.com and follow them on Instagram or Facebook.

I think we're sleep walking our way into World War III. — *Elon Musk*

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LaPorte annexation court battle seems to be brewing

BY STAN MADDUX

A legal challenge appears to be in the works to try and stop the City of LaPorte from annexing the 39 North Conservancy District.

Attorney Christian Matozzo of South Bend said legal action will be taken on behalf of some property owners in the conservancy once the city formally notifies every property owner in the district that an ordinance to annex was approved by the city council on September 9 and they have a right to remonstrate.

So far, Matozzo said the city has not provided district property owners with such notification, which is required under state law for annexation to happen.

"If these requirements are not met under the code, the annex fails," he said.

Once the proper notifications have been received by certified mail, Matozzo said there's a 90 day period to file a remonstrance to the proposed annexation that would be decided by a judge.

Over the summer, the city obtained 57-percent of signatures from property owners to meet the first state requirement of having majority support from district land owners.

The conservancy board and city council soon entered into a Memorandum of Understanding outlining conditions that must be met by the city for the district to support the annexation.

The conditions include replacing water lines in the conservancy with larger ones for increased flows to provide better fire protection and open up the district to further residential and commercial development.

The city also agreed to pay $2 million for the existing infrastructure district landowners paid to have installed about 20 years ago to promote development.

Payment under the MOU would be in the form of credits on their water and sewer bills.

Matozzo said he questions whether the city has the financial ability to pay for the water system upgrades estimated at more than $10 million in a timely fashion.

"They say we're going to pay you for the infrastructure and capital improvements. With what money are they doing that," he said.

Matozzo said he also wants the city to provide the proper notifications quickly because a remonstrance cannot be legally filed until after the notices have been received.

"We will have our day in court," he said.

He alleged the city has been going through the legal process quietly since the annexation ordinance passed to avoid drawing attention from potential challengers until after the remonstrance deadline expires.

"We think that really the public has been kind of put to sleep," Matozzo said.

If 65% or more of district landowners sign a petition to remonstrate, he said the proposed annexation under state law automatically dies.

He said 51% of the signatures from district property owners are required on the remonstrance petition for a court to decide the matter.

Matozzo believes more people, including some individuals who previously agreed to be annexed, will come out against it once all of the facts are laid out.

Mayor Tom Dermody said he will also be there to hear the presentation and, perhaps, offer a response.

Dermody said the proper notifications haven't been sent because he wanted to hear from the city's financial consultants one more time to make sure the resources are there to properly serve the area targeted for annexation.

Dermody said work has also been occurring to comply with other legal requirements.

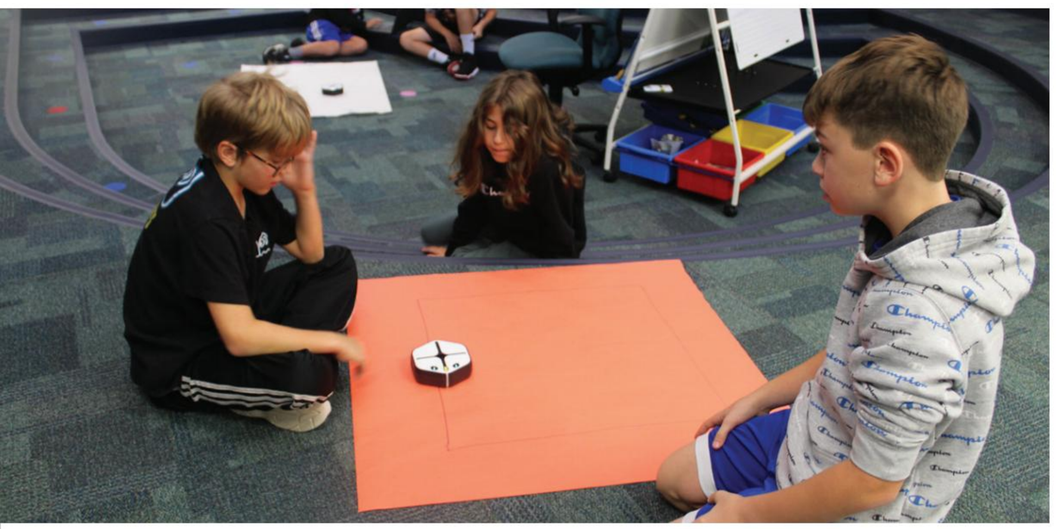
"There are no secrets. We know the process. Everything is still moving. We're just taking our time. The 39 North residents deserve that and we do things correctly," he said.

Intelligence is quickness in seeing things as they are.
— George Santayana

Francisco Cardenas and Bentley Kline make their iRobot create a triangle

Victoria Renijas and Shawna Yech make their iRobot create a rectangle

Suzanne Cramer leads students through the design process



Oliver Lester, Emma Kellogg and Griffin Frum make their iRobot create a rectangle

Students immersed in interactive learning in makerspace

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Emma Kellogg, Oliver Lester and Griffin Frum, fifth graders at New Buffalo Elementary School, can make their iRobot, Gubuerto, make any shape.

At least, they can as long as they ensure he gets the corners right.

"Sometimes he stops right before he hits a corner," Frum, who was trying to get the iRobot to make a rectangle, said.

Fifth graders were working with their iRobots for the first time in the elementary school's new makerspace in the media center Thursday, Oct. 26.

Media specialist/librarian Suzanne Cramer said that Roomba got into education. Students use the program on the website, which lets them change or add coding. Students can manipulate the robots by following certain levels and making it go left, right and backwards and forwards through the program on their Chromebooks.

Cramer said that the aim is to get students to "explore."

"Eventually, they're going to design their own pathway to go, so they'll figure out the coding – so coding is the higher order thinking skill that our kids are using more and more," she said.

The activity involves math, as students have to know about angles as well as the lengths.

"The length only goes 60 centimeters and they have to add up if it's longer than 60 centimeters, so they have to figure out how much," she said.

Shawna Yech and Victoria Renijas were coding their iRobot so that it created a rectangle.

They said they can make their iRobot turn in all directions, all the way to a full circle.

Getting it to achieve a 90 degree was a challenge, though - but it was still fun, Renijas said.

"It's animating but simpler," she said.

Afterward, Cramer asks students questions that lead them through the design process: How many of them thought about it first? How many of them researched with a ruler or protractor the length? How many of them planned by planning the actual coding part? How many students built the build - the design - and ended up with a good one?

Cramer said that having them grasp the design process will prepare them for bigger projects in middle school.

"When they get to smart lab with Ms. Beuchausen, they should understand the sequence and flow of what to do to create something - so we're hitting that really hard this year because they've never had it," she said.

Students utilize a room that's connected to the makerspace, which has new tables and spaces for storage, as well as a glowforge, or laser cutter.

There are also 3-D printers, although Cramer said students haven't used them this year yet.

The next project for the fifth graders will be board games made of cardboard, with 3-D printed parts.

Projects don't require technology. Third graders are going to make paper circuits. Recently, the younger set of students made superhero crowns, which required cutting, pasting and coloring.

Cramer said that Amy Dirlam, technology and innovation consultant for Berrien RESA, has been helpful with giving her tools to bring in literature and makerspace. She also peruses "Balloons On Broadway " for project ideas, such as making puppets. After puppets, she plans on having the students make a float, like in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Cramer said she conceived of the idea of the makerspace when she, superintendent Adam Bowen and Dave Kelly, curriculum director, visited a school on the other side of the state, where Makerspaces have been going on for awhile.

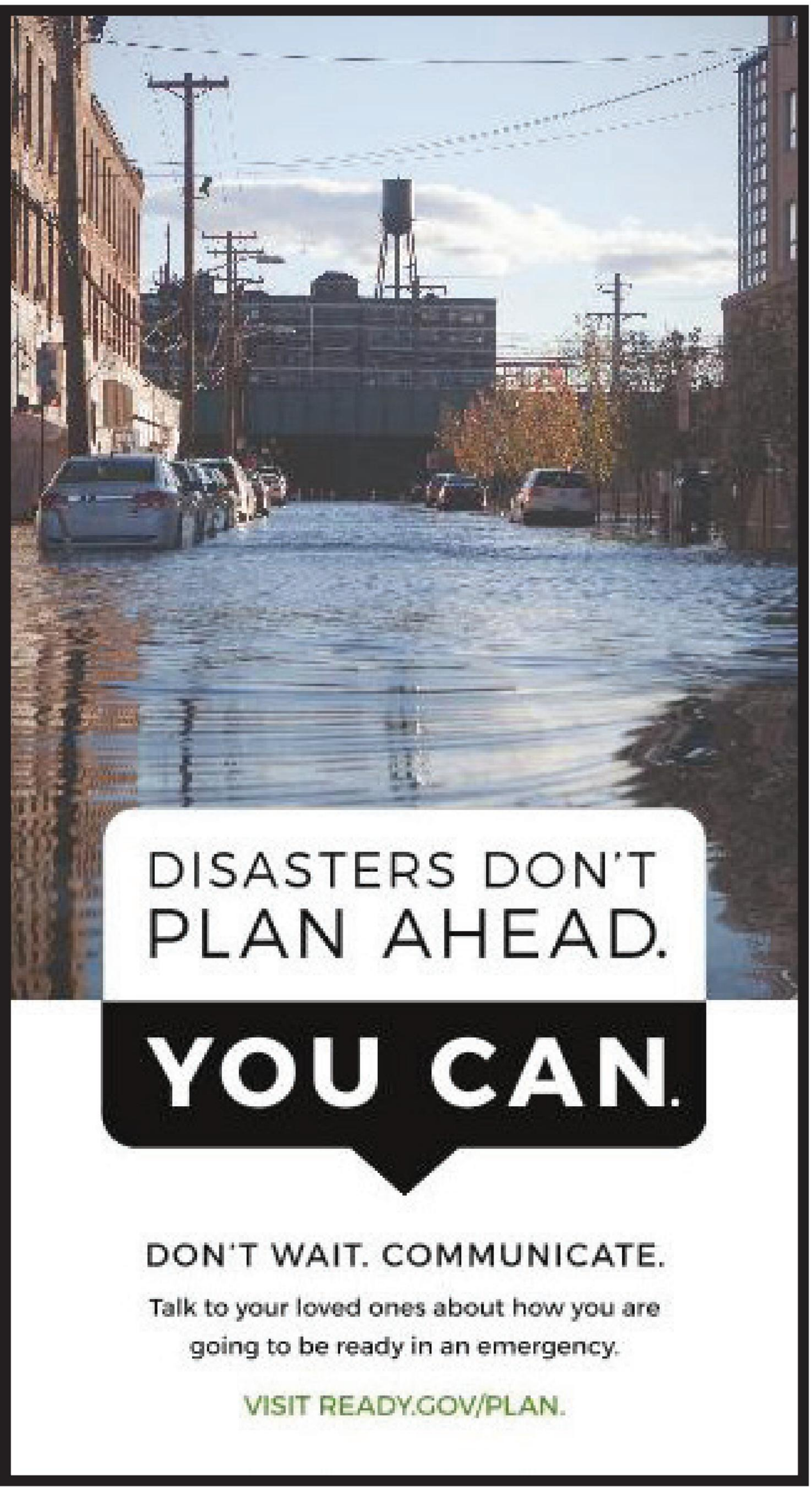
"We wanted to redo the whole space anyway, it wasn't fit for little bodies - so we designed the whole library based on reading places, which we use all day long," she said.

The space has been furnished with new furniture, with comfy chairs for reading spaces and tables that students can write on with dry erase markers.

Literature is still a part of the space, and Cramer said she still teaches students keyboarding.

The makerspace is part of the school district's STEAM hierarchy.

"Eventually, they're going to get to that STEAM building (at the high school) and they're going to say, 'Let's build this,' and 'Okay, let's think about it, let's design, let's plan, let's research.... They should have all those steps, so they're automatically doing it for (high school science teacher) Mr. Eberly," she said.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LaPorte woman has ties to mass shooting victim in hometown

BY STAN MADDUX

A LaPorte woman used to work with one of the people killed in the mass shootings in Maine and lived in the same city where it occurred.

Nikki Haines said she also knows cousins and other distant relatives of the suspected gunman and played darts with her stepfather at Schemengees Bar and Grille where most of the people were shot.

After hearing about the Wednesday night shootings, Haines said "I was like, what the heck."

Immediately, she tried contacting her mother, Brenda, and other immediate family members still living in the area to make sure they were safe.

She was not able to reach them right away, though.

"I was freaking out," she said.

Haines said her mother later texted her that she was under lockdown as a precaution since the shooter, Robert Card, was still at-large at the time.

Eventually, she learned every family member was safe but didn't know about her father, Kirk, until Friday morning when he called her cellphone.

"I didn't sleep. I had a hard time focusing. I was constantly watching Maine news. It was very heart wrenching," she said.

Card was later found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, authorities said.

For about two-years, Haines said she resided in Lewiston, where at least 18 people were killed and 13 others wounded in the shooting rampage at the bar and a bowling alley on the other side of the side of the city of more than 36,000 residents.

Haines also grew up in the nearby communities of Lisbon and Bowdoin, which were major focuses of the ongoing search for the suspected gunman, who resided in Bowdoin.

The 36-year-old Haines said she lived in that area her whole life until moving to La Porte close to three years ago.

Haines said she doesn't recall knowing the gunman but went to school with some of his cousins and other more distant relatives.

They also used to babysit her and come to her house, regularly, to visit.

Haines said one of the shooting victims, Tricia Asselin, was a co-worker of hers at the local Walmart.

They were not friends but, occasionally, they spent time together at the store.

"We kind of hung out with each other on breaks," she said.

Haines said she worked for about a year stocking shelves at the Walmart about a decade ago.

Asselin was killed at the Just-In-Time Recreation bowling alley, which was the second location the gunman struck.

At times, Haines said she bowled there in her spare time and saw Asselin at the alley just in passing.

Haines said her nerves were still a bit on edge from worrying about her family members until the gunman was found dead.

Her mother resides in Lisbon, a short distance from where a car belonging to the gunman was found abandoned at a boat launch area, triggering a massive search.

Haines said her father resides in nearby Brunswick, but he often travels to Lewiston to frequent places like Walmart and a hardware store or just hang out.

Haines said her stepfather, George, plays in dart tournaments at the bar where the gunman started the mass shootings.

She also used to play darts with her stepfather at the same establishment.

Haines said she came to LaPorte to start a personal relationship, which didn't work out.

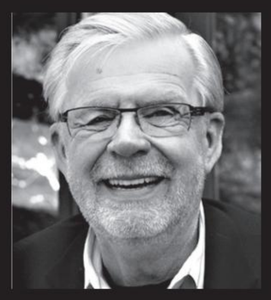
She decided to stay after accepting an offer for a part-time job at the Jane Bernard Animal Adoption Center near the La Porte County Fairgrounds and later being promoted to a full-time animal control officer.

Haines said she may have gone to school with Card but is not sure since they're four years apart and it's been a long time ago.

"It's been so long I probably wouldn't even recognize him," she said.

SPORTS

From the Bleachers



COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

It's half time of the Sunday night football game between the Los Angeles Chargers and the Chicago Bears, and the Bears are behind 24-7.

The Bears defense looks uninspired and the coaching staff looks overmatched. Rarely do I blame officiating when one of my favorite teams is involved because I know I look at things from a biased perspective, but the Bears season has been so frustrating that tonight I'm going to make an exception.

The Bears received the opening kickoff and on the first play from scrimmage rookie quarterback Tyson Baegent threw a long pass to Darnell Mooney. Mooney made a great catch and the defender never touched him. Some ref from somewhere blew a whistle and the play was ruled over, even though Mooney was never touched and probably would have scored a touchdown.

Later, Cole Kmet caught a pass, broke free rather quickly, and trotted into the end zone. Again, a quick whistle stopped the play. Finally, this time through no fault of the refs, Velus Jones had an easy touchdown pass and he tripped over a blade of grass. He was laying down in the end zone and somehow the pass still came right to him, but of course he bobbled it, then dropped it. He almost bobbled it long enough for it to be intercepted which would have been fitting. The Bears ended up losing 30-13.

Anyway, this season has been an unmitigated disaster. The Packers aren't good, the Vikings just lost their quarterback for the rest of the season, and while the Lions started the season strong, they have lost their last two. The Bears only have to be mediocre to be playoff contenders, but unfortunately, they are falling far short of mediocrity. I won't be surprised if next season, the Bears have a new general manager, coaches, and quarterback, and the rebuilding starts all over again.

Let's move on to the rink, where the Blackhawks are n the middle of their rebuild. Things seem to be going smoothly for the Hawks. Their coaching staff looks good. The mix of young players and veterans are playing hard and most of their games so far have been competitive. The diamond of the team is Connor Bedard, and it looks like he is indeed a blossoming superstar. Having just turned 18 years of age, the Hawks are ready to contend for the next couple of decades.

Leaving sports momentarily, I was saddened to hear about the drowning death of Mathew Perry. Perry was one of the costars of the hit television series, *Friends*. In the series he was the wise guy, and most everyone seemed to like his character. After the series ended, it was revealed that he had a pretty severe drug problem even when the series was being filmed, but the last few years he appeared to have kicked his habit. He was only 54.

John Prine, one of my favorite singer/songwriters said in the song, "Hello in There" "Ya' know that old trees just grow stronger/And old rivers grow wilder ev'ry day/Old people just grow lonesome/Waiting for someone to say/Hello in there, hello."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Lady Bison defeated in opening round of district tournament

BY STAN MADDUX

The New Buffalo High School girls' volleyball team lost in the first round of the District 4 post season tournament.

The Lady Bison were defeated Wednesday, Nov. 1, by Our Lady of the Lake 25-12, 25-8 and 25-21.

The match-up was determined by a draw of the teams in the tournament.

Unfortunately, the Lady Bison hoping to make a deep run in the tournament drew Our Lady of the Lake, which was regular season champions in their division of the Berrien Cass St. Joseph Conference.

The Lakers were also champions of the conference tournament of teams in their smaller school division.

In addition, the opening game was also a home match for the Lakers, who are hosting the district tournament this year.

New Buffalo ended the season with a record of 19-13-2.

The Lady Bison on offense and defense were led by Jane Funk, who notched 11 kills in the three sets combined along with 17 digs.

Meagan Fatter and Riley Tertel were also major contributors on defense with 17 and 16 digs respectively.

Senior Ava Johnson had 15 assists.

Head Coach Bruce Molineaux has high hopes for the next season because the team consisting of mostly juniors is losing to graduation only Johnson as a starter.

Johnson will be difficult to replace, though, as the team's setter, who had an accurate soft touch in setting up hard strikes of the ball at the net for her teammates.

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Art must take reality by surprise.
— Francoise Sagan

Scaring up fun for a cause at 'Spooky Trails'

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The spooky creatures were back to haunting the winding trails at New Buffalo Township Memorial Park during the "Spooky Trails" event Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28.

The free event was put on by the New Buffalo High School International Club. Students got decked out in creepy costumes and offered friendly, scary fun to little goblins who wandered down the path (with even scarier fun being cooked up for Saturday's late-night event). Later, children were invited to get their faces painted and enjoy treats under the pavilion.

Matt Bayley, Spanish teacher at the high school, said the students were scaring up fun for cause: their trip to Spain next April. Students earn community service hours by putting on the event, which count toward the trip.

"Every other year, we go to Spain and every other year, we put this event on as well," he said.

Since 2013, New Buffalo HIgh School has been participating in the biannual exchanges with Spanish students. Students from the high school stay with an exchange family one spring, and then welcome students the following fall from The English Business in Seville, Spain.

Last October, it was the Spanish students' turn to get a taste of American life.

Bayley said that students travel to an area outside of Seville, which is in southern Spain.

Bianca illescas-Villa, Ary Bemadas and Maggie Sanchez as scary clowns

Marcella, Ben, Daivd, Evelyn and Alice (in the stroller) Francis encounter Big Foot

Samantha Schimanski, Giada Pawlowski and Lauren Gradowski get ready to harvest body parts

Guests encounter creepy farmers out on the trails

Jack Smith, Erick Gata, Ryker Donkersloot and Lucas Behzadi scare up fun

Creepy Farmers Addison and Libby Lamport, Ava Totke and Riley Tartel

Creepy scenes abounded out on the trails

New Buffalo welcomed Spanish exchange students to America last October

Tara and Andrew Kelly and their children encounter spooky happenings out on the trails

Once there, students go on various outings, such as to see a flamenco show or the beach. Spanish students are invited to accompany them, as Bayley said that this allows them a more "authentic" experience and more chances to sharpen their Spanish speaking skills.

According to a questionnaire they fill out about the trip, students find it "the best week of my life" and "life changing."

Bayley said that one of the most positive things of the exchange is that a lot of students have stayed in touch with the Spanish students that they meet as a result and a lot are in touch on a regular basis.

"The other day, I was walking down the hall and one of the students said, 'I'm on the phone with' and they named one of the kids they stayed with...We always say the trip is a week or so but we want the connection to be a lifetime and in a lot of cases, thats been the result - so it's been really satisfying to be involved with that," Bayley said.

Spanish students usually arrive in New Buffalo during Homecoming Week, with Bayley saying that they emphasize that it's not a "normal" week in New Buffalo. Simple things that Americans may take for granted are given recognition by the exchange students, like a yellow school bus.

"They don't exist in Spain but they've seen them repeatedly in movies and TV from the U.S. - when they get close to the school and see the yellow school bus, I've been told that it's very attention grabbing for the Spanish kids," Bayley said.

Residents, visitors celebrate Halloween, New Buffalo-style

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The streets of downtown New Buffalo were once again filled with monsters, princesses and other interesting looking creatures for the annual New Buffalo Community Halloween Parade, Sunday, Oct. 29.

Costumed characters eager to scoop up some sweet treats stood on North Thompson Street, where the annual judging of costumes for each age category was taking place. From there, they marched down West Merchant Street before coming up on North Whittaker Street and heading down West Mechanic to the New Buffalo City Fire House. There, each parade goer received one of the 600 traditional bags of treats, which were packed by members of the New Buffalo Elementary School Student Senate, before dispersing throughout the neighborhood for trick or treating.

Chaired by Tricia Bowden, the parade is made possible by donations from the local community. It was started in 1975 by Bonnie Keefer, who chaired the parade committee right before she passed away in December 2016.

The following were this year's parade sponsors: A Clean Getaway, Al & Nadra Kissman, American Legion Auxiliary, Beer Church Brewing Co., Berkshire Hathaway (Rob Gow and Chris Pfauser), Bill Reynolds and Mary Hess, Brewster's Italian Cafe, Customs Imports, Denny and Heather Black, Finishing Touch Cleaning Service, Farina and Wojcik, P.C., Harbor Cove Management, John and Molly Long, Hidden Gem with Kids Stop, Keller Williams Realty (Pete Rahm), Lakeshore Executive Detailing (Phil Ferrise and Sandra Casper), Lions Club, Louis Price, New Buffalo Business Association, New Buffalo Yacht Club, Posh Boutique, Pristine Pools and Spas, Redamaks (in memory of Angeline and James Maroney), Sommerfeld Chapel (Ralph Sommerfeld), State Farm Insurance (Tom Rossman) and Twisted Frozen Yogurt.

Timothy Dopp, winner of the Unique Costume category for first grade for his cameraman costume

Costumed characters make their way down Whittaker Street

Harper Haze as Princess Peach

Winners in the parade's costume contest

Costumed characters get their treats at the New Buffalo City Fire Station

The parade marches down North Merchant Street

Fourth graders at New Buffalo Elementary School gather before their parade Friday

Quinn Earley is all dressed up for New Buffalo Elementary School's Halloween parade

Students meet Olaf at New Buffalo Elementary School's Halloween Parade

Dogs also took part in the annual parade

Costumed characters march down Whittaker Street

Ian Grzywacz and Caleb Nofs pose with Telly

Alexa, third place winner in the Artistic and Creative costume division for third grade, with Anthony Arteaga

New Buffalo Elementary School students march in the school's parade

Abby Henrich, Lori Petersen and David and Alice Schlundt pose before the parade

Stephanie and Jessie Ashcraft with their teddy bear picnic themed csotume

Students gather at New Buffalo Elementary School before the Halloween parade Friday

Billy and Ladra Lenno, Arianny Huerta and Tina and Erick Gatta before the parade

Families used all modes of transportation to trick or treat

A Day in the Life

HOW CAN WE EVEN BELIEVE THE WORST...

BY LAWRENCE VON EBELER

In these times, it's not easy maintaining a positive attitude.

Israel is threatened by its heartless aggressors, the Palestinians are about to be subjected to a massive campaign from the Israelis. Ukraine is under the constant threat of a Russian dictator, who has no scruples and has kidnapped thousands of Ukraine children to be raised in a Russian tradition. There is the threat of second and third countries joining the enemies of Israel.

I, for one, am tempted to shut down and just forget about the world's problems. We have enough of our own challenges to deal with, and ignoring it all is an easy way to deal with our frustration. Easy, but not very grown up

One might also say to themselves "I didn't start any wars and I'm not responsible for this one". It's all in your mind to decide and to make certain of the responsibility someone else has to deal with - like our generals. I think what I mean is that you might as well just leave all of the world's problems by ignoring them all, and letting someone else do the fretting. That makes you an isolationist - the important point being that you are not mentally or emotionally taking responsibility. I do that all of the time with lesser issues. I can do it with this mess; however, I truly pray for peace.

The largest warship in the world is a part of the fleet of ships we are sending to thwart any new guys joining this party. We aren't fooling anyone! The facts are that we now have much of the world convinced that we have assumed a large part of the war by unequivocally backing the Israelis, and countries are ticked off with us because of that huge support. Biden was scheduled to meet and greet the head honchos to get their good will before Israel launched their huge move. But then the hospital was bombed! Israel was first blamed for that disaster, but then it was learned it was not; however, the damage was done and rioting all over the globe began to protest Israel's cruelty. So, the president changed his plans to meet with those unsavory guys. The president met instead with the Israelis, with the intent to shore them up and to clear their name. He returned to Washington, without accomplishing his mission to cool down all of the "Nervous Nellie" nations.

So, our president came home to more problems. The congress still had no Speaker of the House and bills couldn't be paid and the war funding remains unprovided. It is hardly the conditions the president might hope for. Nevertheless, he called for 90 billion big ones to address the two wars and a few other details, if they got the Speaker elected and the bills passed.

Being the president is no great trip to Hollywood; however, Biden is proof that something can be done. Even if it does fall short, he is still making huge decisions. I hope they're good ones, at 82 years of age.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Allen Jenkins

1958-2023

Michael Allen Jenkins, 64, of Baroda, died peacefully, Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

His life began November 1, 1958, in Gary, Indiana, the youngest child born to Willard and Laura Jenkins.

Mike served honorably in the United Stated Navy from 1976 until 1982. He was a long-term member of the New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club. After his career in the military, he was a machinist for Auto Specialist in Benton Harbor and had his own handyman service for a while.

Mike will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his sisters, Sheila (Carl Miller) Jenkins of Niles, Brenda (John) Kitchell of Buchanan, Carol (Andy) Vorndran of South Carolina, Tonya (Mike) Ott of Bridgman, Lori Fairman of Jennison; his brother, Willard (Mary) Jenkins of Tennessee; step-brother, Tom (Lynn) Vaughn of Hobart, Indiana; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jacqeline White; and one brother, John Jenkins.

The family will observe a private remembrance at this time.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Mike be made to the American Legion Post #331, 4241 Legion Street, Bridgman, Michigan 49106.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.

Cynthia Marie Yager

1949-2023

Cynthia Marie Yager, 74, of Harbert, died peacefully, Wednesday, October 18, 2023, in the presence of her family.

Her life began August 10, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois, the youngest of three children born to George and Helen Yager.

Cynthia held a deep love for family and horses. She was creative and made beautiful jewelry. Cynthia had a great sense of humor and loved to make her many friends laugh.

Cynthia will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by sister, Janice (Robert) Gildo of Three Oaks; one niece, Susan (Mike) Cross of Montana, one nephew, Brian (Leslie) Frederick of Illinois, and a host of cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her older sister Georgia (Buzz) Wright.

The family will observe a private remembrance.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Cynthia be made to Spring Creek Equestrian Center, 16771 Pardee Road, Three Oaks, Michigan.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS AUGUST 9, 2023, TO OCTOBER 16, 2023

August 9, 2023 - Special Meeting

- Approve Samuel Wendel-Suppa as a part-time seasonal worker at $15.00 per hour upon receiving clear background check with a start date of August 10th, 2023

August 21, 2023 - Regular Meeting

- Approve under the Consent Agenda:
  - Minutes of the July 17, 2023, Regular Meeting
  - Treasurer's Report and bills
  - Michigan Townships Association Emergency Services Training for Fire Chief Jamie Flick and Capt. Dan Mandalis in the amount of $125.00 each, plus hotel and meals
  - Annual GIS maintenance agreement with Wightman & Associates in the amount of $4,000.00
  - Annual insurance premium increase of $1,450.00 for the Fire Truck Actual Replacement Coverage
  - Bond payment to USDA in the amount of $18,826.77 for Kruger and Glassman Water Assessment
  - Supervisor Michelle Heit attending Michigan Townships Association supervisors' conference in the amount of $365 plus mileage and lodging
  - Hire 'A Clean Getaway' to clean Townline Rd. Restrooms in Union Pier at a rate of $100 per week
  - Invoice from Industrial Door in the amount of $410.00
- Approve zoning map amendment regarding 10299 US 12
- Preliminary approval of CSAB Green LLC for Special Land Use Permit at 19253 M-239
- Preliminary approval of Covington Plaza Investors LLC for Special Land Use Permit at 10168 US 12
- Preliminary approval of Simple AG New Buffalo LLC for Special Land Use Permit at 13992 Grand Ave
- Preliminary approval of El Dorado LLC for Special Land Use Permit at 19281 US 12, 19285 US 12, 19291 US 12, and 13700 El Dorado Blvd
- Preliminary approval of Jars Holdings LLC for Special Land Use Permit at 19650 M-239
- Preliminary approval of Jars Holdings LLC for Special Land Use Permit at 19799 US 12
- Preliminary approval of Casey Kornoelje for Special Land Use Permit at 19267 US 12, along with portions of 13713 El Dorado Blvd and 19251 US 12
- Approve Outdoor Assembly Permit Application for Seeds Brewery at 16321 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, MI 49117 on October 7th, 2023
- Approve increasing Land Division/Property Line Adjustment Application fee to $200.00, effective August 22, 2023
- Adopt Resolution 20230821A regarding nine days of early voting
- Adopt Ordinance 20230821B regarding the Codification and Revision of the Ordinances of New Buffalo Township

September 18, 2023 - Regular Meeting

- Approve under the Consent Agenda:
  - Minutes of the August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting
  - Treasurer's Report and bills
  - Deputy Clerk Michelle Hannon attending Michigan Townships Association Clerks' conference in the amount of $365.00 plus mileage, meals, and lodging.
  - Quote from Techxperience in the amount of $3,582.00 for Wireless Internet upgrade and expansion at Township Hall
  - Quote from Buist Automation in the amount of $3,575.00 for an integrated microphone and recording button in the interview room at the Public Safety Building
  - Appointing Rick Novak to the Zoning Board of Appeals
  - Quote from Penchura in the amount of $4,462.00 for a replacement piece of playground equipment at Memorial Park
  - Invoices from Wightman Engineering in the amount of $1,000 for work on the water and sewer project, $7,074.61 for professional services regarding the water and sewer extension project, and $7,333 for marihuana dispensary plan reviews
  - Invoice from Country Lane Remodeling in the amount of $360 for mowing at the Public Safety Building
  - Purchase of 600 bags Chips for the Halloween Parade cost of $264
  - nvoice from Donkersloot for work at the Marina in the amount of $5,306.25
- Approve Abonmarche quote in the amount of $58,900 for professional design and engineering services for 'Disc Golf Course' at Glassman Park
- Approve Abonmarche quote in the amount of $16,800 for professional design and engineering services for Veteran's Memorial Park at the corner of US 12 and Clay St
- Adopt new and/or updated Policies and Procedures for Lost and Found, and ADA Bulletin Boards
- Adopt Amended Articles of Incorporation for the New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority
- Adopt Resolution #20230918a which updates the Public Comment Policy
- Approve 4% hourly wage increase for the Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer retroactively starting on July 1st, 2023
- Adopt Resolution #20230918b regarding a Special Assessment District for a Water and Sewer Project at Exit 4 on US 12
- Preliminary approval of Michigan Pure Green for Special Land Use at 19169 US Hwy 12
- Preliminary approval of New Buffalo Holdings LLC for Special Land Use Permit at 11539 O'Brien Ct.
- Preliminary approval of John McLeod for Special Land Use Permit at 11449 O'Brien Ct.
- Approve purchase of a new Command Vehicle cost not to exceed $55,000 from Tim Lally Chevrolet

October 16, 2023 - Regular Meeting

- Public hearing on Exit 4 Water and Sewer Special Assessment District
- Approve under the Consent Agenda:
  - Minutes of the September 18, 2023, Regular Meeting
  - Treasurer's Report and bills
  - Reimbursement to Building Inspector William Lambert in the amount of $555.00 for cost of training and mileage.
  - Bond payments in the amount of $45,625.00 for the Public Safety Building, $30,162.50 for Harbor Country Drive sewer, $9,312.50 for U.S. 12/Behner water, and $29,900.00 for Wilson Road water and sewer
  - Appointment of Ronald Oatsvall as a secondary Building Inspector effective immediately at a rate of $40.00 per hour
  - Payment of $1,525.95 to New Buffalo Area Schools for fuel
  - Payment to EMC in the amount of $2,729.00 for insurance coverage of two (2) Ford Rangers
  - Payment to Election Source in the amount of $20.42 for blank Nominating Petition forms for villages
- Approve payment not to exceed $10,000 to Chikaming Township as the township's 5% match for a SCBA FEMA Grant
- Approve one-year contract with The Edge for information technology services with an automatic renewal unless either party provides written notice to the other of intent to terminate at least 90 days prior to the end of the current term
- Approve changing Administrative Assistant job title to Financial Administrator and an increase to the pay rate for this position to $30.50 per hour effective immediately
- Approve agreement with Berrien County for the purpose of operating joint early voting sites at a cost of $1,563.16 per election
- Preliminary approval The ReLeaf Center of New Buffalo for a Special Use Permit at 10271 US Hwy 12
- Approve proposal from Wightman for the Exit 4 water and sewer special assessment project in the amount of $15,000 for soil boring, $92,000 for design engineering, and $88,000 for construction administration
- Adopt Resolution #20231016 stating the township's opposition to legislature regarding renewable energy facilities in Michigan

JUDITH H. ZABICKI, NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP CLERK

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Outstanding 20-Year-Old Exhibitor, Friend of the Fair awards given at annual meeting

YOUTH FAIR 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS ELECTED

About 85 association members, advisors and guests gathered to recap the Berrien County Youth Fair Association's 2022-23 fiscal year at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Berrien County Youth Fair Association, Inc., which was held at the Youth Memorial Building last month.

The Outstanding 20-Year-Old Exhibitor award winner was Jacklyn Alsbro of Berrien Springs. Selection of this award is based on a point system covering Youth Fair participation and volunteering other than fair week over the last six years of exhibiting. Alsbro received a trophy and $1000 scholarship award provided by the D. R. Potts Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Outstanding 20-Year-Old Exhibitor of the Year winner Jacklyn Alsboro with Corey Burks

Sheriff Paul Bailey, one of the recipients of the Friend of the Fair awards, with Corey Burks

The Friend of the Fair award was presented during the Fair to Super Kicker Rodeo Productions (Joe & Cathy Johnston) and Sheriff Paul Bailey. This award is given annually to those individuals, families, and/or businesses that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help with the many activities at the youth fair. Super Kicker Rodeo Productions was recognized for the many years of partnering with the Berrien County Youth Fair. Sheriff Bailey was recognized for his never-ending support and assistance for the fair.

Each year, six members of the board of directors are elected for a three-year term. The following were nominated and elected for a three-year term: Corey Burks of Berrien Springs, Karen Klug of Eau Claire, Jessica Tharp of Eau Claire, Brian Smith of Niles, Courtney Ertman of Benton Harbor and Sarah Jackemeyer of Buchanan and filling in for a one-year term, Kelsey Griffith of Benton Harbor.

Following the Annual Meeting, the board of directors met to select officers for the 2023-2024 year: president, Corey Burks of Berrien Springs; first vice president, Noreen Soos of Berrien Springs; second vice president, Rob Christner of Berrien Springs; secretary, Karen Klug of Eau Claire and treasurer, Tyson Lemon of Stevensville.

Retiring board members Mark Young, Allen Weich and Jim Kesterke were recognized for their years of service and dedication. Retiring superintendents Erin Anweiler and Bryan Dixon were also recognized for their years of volunteerism.

The 2024 youth fair dates are Aug. 12-17, with the fair's theme being "Explore Planet Fair." — STAFF REPORTS

HOROSCOPE

NOVEMBER 2-8, 2023

AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

This week you will be faced with some Spiritual matters that will question your current belief systems. You may experience higher interactions that lead to a deeper understanding of the Divine or you may be given warning signs about your current direction, with unusual nights.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Your economic conditions are in a state of flux and your financial standing may change. Ideas of resources and availability of goods will come under fire. Know that this condition is not permanent and you will create different sources of income that will highlight your talents more appropriately.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

There is a situation or circumstance that has tied many people together in your life and even though this system has been in place for some time it is about to undergo a major shift. You will clearly see who the key players are, how integral some people are and what part fate has in store.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

The dream-time is highlighted this week for you. You can expect to have clearer images and a deeper understanding of what the higher realms of your consciousness is already aware of. Take time to isolate the major themes and events of your night visions and follow your intuition in all dealings.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

Your communication systems could take a major hit this week. Be sure you have the correct date and times of all important meetings and be prepared for others to change your schedule around at the last minute. You may also have an unpleasant conversation with someone you would rather avoid.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

This week your tendency to worry and fear the worst could be strong. You may be thinking that someone is causing you harm or leading you in the wrong direction on purpose. The reason you feel this way is because you need to make your own decisions and follow your own instincts. All is well.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

This is a very lucky week for you, dear Libra. You will be able to find some exclusive offers and be in the right place at the right time to get ahead financially. Your relationships issues will also be in a better light this week giving you the opportunity to get closer. Be sure to buy those lotto tickets!

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

It is time to clean out the closet of cloths and people that are not a true reflection of what and who you are. This could be painful but necessary. If people cannot support who you are and what you have to offer then get them out of your daily life. Gather to you those who honor and respect you.

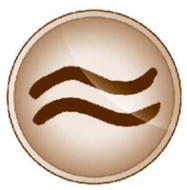
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

You will prove to be a savior of sorts this week, the calm shoulder to cry on, the rock in someone's emotional storm. Be prepared for some water works and if you have feelings for this person, you should take this opportunity to let them know how you feel. You are a good friend to have around.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

Things will come up this week that will test or push the boundaries of your current trust and security issues. People may try to move into your territory or take ownership of your property. Stand your ground and be firm in what is truly yours. If it means nothing to you let it go at no charge.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



Your professional and social sectors are highlighted this week. There will be many opportunities to grow but they will require special planning and a fair amount of trusting in others. Be sure you pick your confidences wisely and take your time in laying out responsibilities.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

Expect a sense of unrest with family members and close friends. You could be pulled into a situation that has nothing to do with you or your duty as a friend or relative. Stay focused on the truth of the situation and be honest about your perception of the situation. You are in a position to mediate.

I don't socialize with people that practice duplicity and betrayel. *— Dino N. Fatouros*

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13 Fetish
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15 Stray
16 Sayings (suf.)
17 Bird
18 Menotti hero
20 Reimbursed
22 Substantial
25 Rice bran
28 Beer ingredient
31 Philistine city
33 Soul or spirit (Fr.)
34 Arrival (abbr.)
35 Spread, as gossip
36 Birthplace of Constantine
37 Yale student
38 Gain
39 Eight days after feast
40 Santa's reindeer
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46 Music for nine
50 Boor
52 Rhine tributary
55 Amer. Automobile Assn. (abbr.)
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57 Heddles of a loom
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59 Prow
60 Facile
61 "Lady of the Lake" outlaw

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7 Eucalyptus secretion
8 Heart auricle
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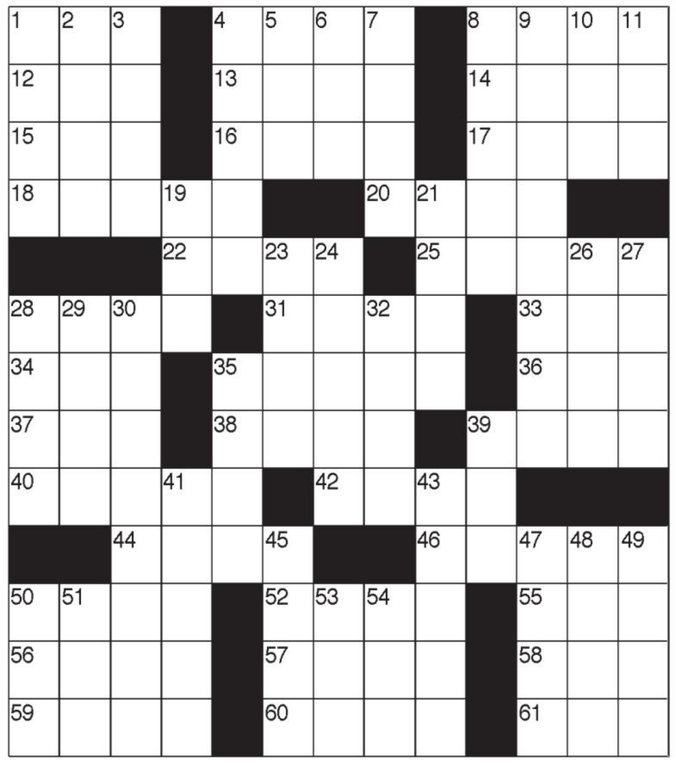

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ARREST IN FATAL SHOOTING OF WIFE, WOUNDING OF HUSBAND

A man has been arrested for what seems to be an execution style shooting death in Michigan City.

David Wilson, Jr. is charged in La Porte Superior Court 1 with murder, attempted murder, aggravated battery and other counts like criminal confinement.

The victim, Susan Simmons, 58, and her husband, Thomas Simmons, 60, were shot the night of Thursday, Oct. 26, while inside an SUV parked in front of a residence in the 200 block of Calumet Avenue just north of Michigan Boulevard and west of Carroll Avenue, police said.

Police said the woman was found deceased inside the vehicle.

Mr. Simmons was shot multiple times and transported to the hospital with injuries described by police as "non-life threatening."

Police said Wilson pulled up, stepped out of a vehicle and fired multiple shots into the SUV before fleeing.

He was taken into custody a short time later after crashing his vehicle in the 3200 block of Dody Avenue.

Police said a stolen handgun was recovered during his arrest and a computer check revealed his vehicle was reported stolen. — STAN MADDUX

Sand mining opponents fear subdivision plans

BY STAN MADDUX

Plans for a subdivision outside La Porte have nearby residents fearing the proposed development is an excuse to try and resume the mining and selling of sand that's been disrupting their quality of life.

The developer, Ryan Miller, president of D&M Excavating, went before the La Porte County Planning Commission Oct. 24 seeking permission to create a 39-unit subdivision on his property in the area of Schultz Road and 400 West.

Eight years ago, Miller began digging sand from the residentially zoned property.

At the time, he explained it was for a pond he wanted for a dream home he planned on building for himself.

Nearby residents complaining mostly about dust and noise along with roads damaged by heavy trucks hauling sand from the site argued he was engaged in the commercial and industrial mining of sand in violation of the zoning.

They were successful in obtaining four stop work orders from county government in 2015, 2019, 2020 and 2022.

Gradually, though, the work resumed each time.

More recently, the county alleging violations of the latest stop work order sought relief from a judge, who issued a preliminary injunction to stop the digging for now.

The court order is temporary until the judge issues a final ruling on whether the activities comply with the permitted land use.

Miller also filed a still pending lawsuit against the county alleging unconstitutional taking of property.

Attorney Andrew Voeltz, who represents Miller, denied the proposed subdivision is an effort to find a loophole for allowing the digging of sand to legally resume.

He also told planning commission members the undecided legal issues have no bearing on their decision.

"None of that has any relevance to the board," he said.

Instead, Voeltz said the only issue to consider is whether the subdivision plans during the initial stage of the approvals process meet the restrictions under the current residential zoning.

"We have met the requirements and ask that it be approved," he said.

Representing the county on the legal matters is attorney Shaw Friedman, who asked the planning commission to turn down the subdivision request.

Friedman said the past history of a petitioner is a legal factor for the planning commission to weigh in its decision.

He said digging a pond for a home is among the ways Miller has been deceptive to run what's really been a lucrative commercial operation in a residential neighborhood.

Friedman said no water has been struck yet for the so-called pond, which is now an over three acre, up to 30 foot deep hole in the ground from the mining of sand.

He also pointed out there's never been any residential construction or even building or septic permit applications filed.

Friedman said that should raise concerns whether just sand mining will occur where the subdivision is targeted.

Friedman also said Miller's legal counsel during a court hearing last week announced a motion to dissolve the stop work order will be filed once approval is granted for the subdivision to resume the minding of sand.

"Don't let anyone tell you this petition and the litigation aren't related. They absolutely are," he said.

Randy Veatch of 4177 W. Schultz Road said his property is much more prone to flooding because of changes the digging has brought to how the land naturally drains.

Jacqueline Thomas of 3484 N. 400 West said roads in the neighborhood have also been heavily damaged from excessive truck traffic and weight of the sand being hauled.

"Please, please don't approve this. This man has not been a good neighbor," she said.

The request was tabled indefinitely to give planning commission members time to decide whether more requirements should be added to the petitioner's construction application

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Berrien RESA Specialist Katy Foster conducts a neurodiversity training for teachers at the School of American Music

SAM completes teacher training for neurodivergent learners

Teachers for School of American Music (SAM) recently completed a training session on methods for teaching "neurodivergent" learners – a term specialists use to describe people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Asperger's, ADHD, or other neurological conditions.

The training was conducted by Katy Foster, specialist from Berrien Regional Education Service Agency (RESA), Michigan certified special education teacher and adjunct professor at Andrews University.

"Neurodiversity" is a neutral term to describe the idea that people experience the world in a variety of ways. Different ways of thinking and learning are viewed as exactly that - differences, not deficits. The neurodiversity training covered characteristics of students with autism and other challenges, language to use with students who may be neurodivergent and educational strategies proven to be effective for neurodivergent students.

For younger students, the application of neurodiversity training to music education involves skills such as managing the learning session, structured learning, maintaining focus and accepting diversions from the lesson plan. For older students, teachers are often challenged to create alternative, often visually-oriented ways of presenting musical concepts. It takes patience to discover the way to teach a concept that is different from the way you learned it, but when it works, it is very satisfying.

Tim Hindes, an adult student at SAM who lives near Saugany Lake, Indiana, heard about the training and wrote: "I'm a 60-year-old neurodivergent male who has always had difficulty in school. In the past, I would get frustrated with how I was being taught and would lose confidence and quit. The staff at the SAM understood me. For five years they have modified teaching plans to make it fun and interesting. Today I'm still taking classes, playing music and grateful. If you are neurodivergent or have a child who's neurodivergent and interested in music, don't let past experiences keep you from enjoying this life skill."

The School of American Music is a non-profit organization that provides education, performance, and audience opportunities in music in the Southwest Michigan area. The school's teaching methods accommodate a range of neurodivergent and neurotypical learning styles.

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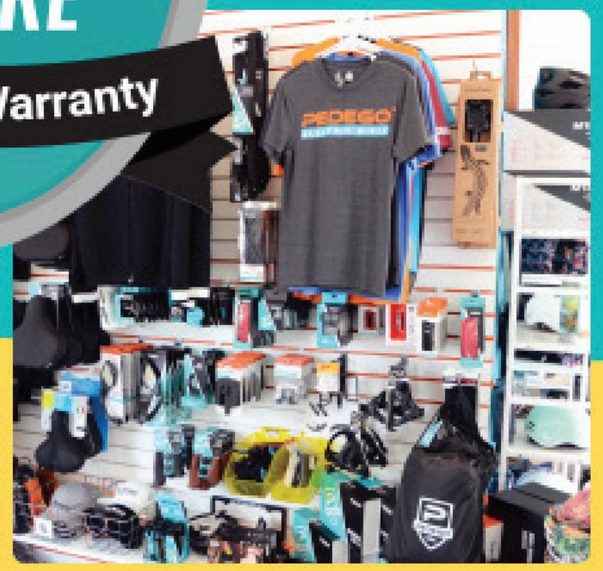

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